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rious services while he still served under the flag of his country. In addition to this statement, the late General Geo. W. Jones, but a short time before his death, stated in the most positive terms that Davis served in the Black Hawk war. Mr. W. B. Street, in the course of a biographical sketch of his father, General J. M. Street, the distinguished Indian Agent and friend of Blackhawk, (page 92 of this volume of THE ANNALS), mentions the fact that Black Hawk and other prisoners were placed in charge of Lieutenant Jefferson Davis shortly after their capture. As we write this article, we are informed that the author of the assertion in McClure's Magazine fully accepts the conclusions above set forth and will ere long publish a statement to that effect.

THE sketch of the Mormon hand-cart train from which our cut was made for Mr. Bloomer's article, was drawn from memory by Mr. George Simons, of Council Bluffs.

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KEOKUK, JULY 15, 1896.

In the April number of THE ANNALS, L. F. Andrews gives what he terms "First Things in Iowa," among which, on page 394, is the following: "The first white female child born in the State was Eleanor Garland, at Fort Madison, in 1838. Her father was an army surgeon."

Evidently the writer alludes to Eleanor, daughter of Dr. Isaac Galland, who was born at Au-wi-pe-tuck, afterward called Nashville, and now, Galland, a rail road station between Keokuk and Montrose in Lee County. She was born February 4, 1830, grew to womanhood, was married twice, and I think is now living in Ottumwa, Iowa.

My object, however, in writing is to partially correct this item of history. She was not the first white female child born in the State, or in Lee County.

On the 22nd of November, 1829, there was born, at "The Point," now Keokuk, to Moses and Maria Stillwell, a daughter, whom they named Margaret. She attained her womanhood here, married Dr. E. R. Ford, raised a family of three children, and died in this city, May 18, 1865. It has always been conceded that she was the first white child, male or female, born in Keokuk. She may not have been the first white female child born within the territory now comprising the State of Iowa, yet her birth, antedating that of Eleanor Galland, deprives the latter of that distinction.

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